

Kaleidoscope - Placement Assessment BLM, Level A-E

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Grade Level
P3 - 2nd Grade
P4 - 3rd Grade
Fourth Grade
Fifth Grade
Sixth Grade

Readability Level

Course / Content
Reading
Spelling
Writing

List Price: 56

Wholesale Price 42

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Content The Placement Guide contains blackline masters used in administering seven types of assessment. The purpose of the assessments is to identify students' reading abilities and appropriate placement in one of the five levels of the Kaleidoscope reading program. Kaleidoscope Levels A through E correspond approximately to grade levels 1 through 5.

Student Experiences For the Screening Assessment, the student reads aloud words from a graded list. The Oral Vocabulary Assessment requires that the student choose from four possible answer choices the word that best completes an incomplete sentence that has been read aloud. For the Reading Vocabulary Assessment, the student reads a target word in a box, then chooses from four possible answer choices the word that is synonymous to the target word. The Listening Comprehension Assessment calls for the student to listen to a brief story, then answer questions about the story that are also presented orally. For the Sentence Comprehension Assessment, the student reads a target sentence, then chooses from three possible answer choices the sentence that has the same or nearly the same meaning as the target sentence. For the Oral Fluency Assessment, the student reads aloud a short story. The Reading Comprehension Assessment calls for the student to independently read a selection and answer multiple-choice or short-answer questions about the text.

Assessment The Placement Guide includes the following categories of assessment: Screening Assessment identifies the level of subsequent assessments; Oral Vocabulary Assessment measures students' understanding of spoken words; Reading Vocabulary Assessment measures students' understanding of synonyms; Listening Comprehension Assessment measures students' understanding of spoken language; Sentence Comprehension Assessment measures students' understanding of sentences; Oral Fluency Assessment measures students' ability to read aloud with fluency; and Reading Comprehension Assessment measures students' understanding of printed text.

Organization : Two versions (identified as Part 1 and Part 2) of each assessment are provided for each of the five levels of Kaleidoscope. The two versions of the Screening, Oral Vocabulary, Reading Vocabulary, and Sentence Comprehension Assessments are of approximately equal difficulty. The two parts of the Listening Comprehension, Oral Fluency, and Reading Comprehension assessments correspond roughly to expected proficiencies at the beginning of the school year and

at the end of the school year. The assessments appear in the book in the order in which they are to be administered. The Screening Assessment, the Oral Vocabulary Assessment, and the Reading Vocabulary Assessment (the first three, respectively) are the assessments that primarily determine a student's placement level in Kaleidoscope. The four higher-level assessments, which may be used for supplemental placement purposes, are arranged in order from least to most difficult (Listening Comprehension, Sentence Comprehension, Oral Fluency, and Reading Comprehension).

Resource Materials The Annotated Teacher's Edition for the Placement Guide includes instructions for administering each assessment, scoring procedures, and recommendations for appropriate use of the assessments.

Gratis Items to be provided and under what conditions

Available Ancillary Materials The Levels A-E Cumulative Folders offer convenient storage for completed student assessment pages.

Research Data and Evidence of Effectiveness

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Research Available

Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations: This material was reviewed as part of the Kaleidoscope Intervention Reading Program. It is recommended that this program be included on the Kentucky State Textbook Adoption List.

Summary Form

I.	Technology Component Summary	0.00
	Student stories were presented in both CD and audiocassette format. No management program available online or in CD format.	
I.	Reading Content Summary	1.9299999999999999
	Good variety of selections that are well organized and developmentally appropriate to hold the interest of older students with reading difficulties.	
II.	Writing Content Summary	1.17
	This program does not have a fully developed writing program included because it is mainly a reading intervention program. Many missed opportunities to make meaningful writing connections in this program.	
III.	Grammar and Spelling Content Summary	1.69
	A strong phonics and grammar strand are included. Could not find an electronic dictionary.	
IV.	Listening /Speaking / Observing Content Summary	2.00
V.	Inquiry Content Summary	
	No inquiry component found in this program.	
VI.	Technology Content Summary	
	Student texts are recorded on cassette tapes as well as CDs.	

	No interactive student games or reading comprehension activities included.	
VII.	Audience: Teacher Materials Content Summary Easy to follow format that includes several teaching suggestions.	1.45
VIII.	Audience : Student Materials Content Summary The illustrations / photos and the story text were appropriate for older readers. No poetry or drama was included.	1.89
IX.	Format Content Summary Easy to read student texts and teacher materials. All color coordinated at each level.	1.86
X.	Ancillary Materials Content Summary Satisfactory amount of ancillary materials included.	1.83

READING CONTENT

Stories consist of fiction and nonfiction. No poetry or drama included.

WRITING CONTENT

Limited instruction is given in this reading intervention program for authentic writing instruction.

GRAMMAR AND SPELLING

Could not find an electronic dictionary.

LISTENING / SPEAKING / OBSERVING

INQUIRY

TECHNOLOGY CONTENT

The only technology component to the Kaleidoscope Program consists of CD and audiocassettes of recorded stories that come with the program.

AUDIENCE: TEACHER MATERIALS

Focus is on reading development.
Emphasis is on reading instruction.

AUDIENCE: STUDENT MATERIALS

Good selection of fiction and nonfiction. No poetry or drama is included.

FORMAT

ANCILLARY MATERIALS

Online resources are available through SRA, but not directly through the Kaleidoscope program.